Ghoulies and Ghosties were making merry in the Alhambra Casino and Shopping Bazaar for Halloween.

The casino was packed on Halloween night, With players and tourists all dressed up to fright: Miguel the host handled the contestants with glee, And prizes they won for the most sca-ry!

Rudy the rat-eating skeleton from Albany that carried his own tombstone and yelled out "My rat! Where is my rat!" as he faux nibbled at this little stuffed rodent, entertaining all at the Alhambra Casino and Shopping Mall's Halloween Bash, His amusing performance won him the first prize of \$300 and a sexy Medusa named Jarissa from Aruba took home the \$200 prize for most original.

The casino was filled with gamers dressing in Halloween orange and black, and those that took part in the costume contest showed originally, hutzpah, and wit. Our personal favorites were the two darling ladies calling themselves the Miss New Hampshires of 2001 and 2002, in actually Jim and Mike, two fun-loving guys from that New England stare, lovingly dressed by their wives with a sense of humor, and playing their parts to the hilt.

As the music of the Michael Jackson song "Thriller" filled the casino, a collection of ghosts, vampires, devils, witches, ogres and some things beyond description cavorted around the gaming tables, showing how uninhibited they could be. Aside from the prizes for best costume, a number of lucky winners took home cash prizes from the raffles held at the end of the evening.

Judging by the response and the evening's great success, it would appear to be the beginning of a brand new Halloween tradition!